

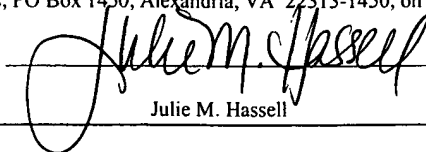


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Group Art Unit: 2652

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Applicant would like to draw the attention of the Examiner to the co-pending applications listed below (copies attached):

Application Serial No. 10/807,608 filed March 23, 2004 by G.P. Hertrich and

Application Serial No. 10/632,659 filed July 31, 2003 by G.P. Hertrich

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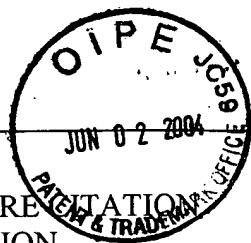
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